

meaning when viewed as related chapters in the story of his continuous soul growth.

The individual is no longer apart from the world but is instead an important part of world evolution. Everything he thinks and does is ultimately a karmic contribution to the improvement of his soul which upon reaching its ultimate nirvana is an improvement in the world he has helped to create.

Always man wants to know why. And always he turns to history for the answer on the assumption that effect always follows cause. The position of the Nodes link man with his past and point the way toward his future. When man can firmly establish the roots of his past, he starts to experience a thread of continuity which makes him feel more secure about walking into his future.

The Nodes are actually points of soul magnetism, one pulling toward the future and one coming from the past. The process which we call life is to blend these two into a median of happiness for the individual, so that his present incarnation is a symbol of his transition from the past to the future.

PART II — THE SOUTH NODE

The South Node is symbolic of man's past. It is not symbolic of one past incarnation but rather a combination of events, ideas, attitudes and thoughts from every incarnation whose accumulated unresolved effects have created the current life.

The most deeply ingrained behavior patterns are to be found here at the point of man's zenith of hundreds or thousands of years of working on himself. There is little he could do in the present life to alter greatly the balance of so many years of training and habits. For this reason man tends to rest on his South Node as the comfortable family of his past in whose ways he is thoroughly familiar. The house he builds for himself in this life can only rest upon the foundation he has created before.

For some the South Node can be limiting, while for others whose past foundations are firm and large it can be just the factor which brings the present life to a fruition of achievement.

As an incoming president enters the White House to begin his new life there, so the possibilities of his achievements will be hampered or aided by all he has thought, said and done during his past record in Congress. You are president of your current incarnation but your karmic record in Congress is the concrete steps upon which you stand or the stilts below your wobbly feet.

PART III — THE SOUTH NODE— YOUR ACHILLES HEEL

The potentially weakest spot in any horoscope is the South Node for it represents the footsteps we have left behind us. Regardless of the paths we have taken this South Node trail leaves us open to karmic residue from behind. We constantly look to the future and rarely stop to examine the effects of all we have created until such effects loom ahead of us in our path. Nevertheless, the tracks we have made are still there, symbolizing the habits of lifetimes, and so for many they point the way to the most observable path of least resistance. In fact an individual's most negative traits are those which for hundreds or thousands of years he has allowed to continue brewing within his soul. He keeps trying to piece together the fragments of his deeply-rooted past in the hope that they will form the foundation blocks of his future.

Too often the past itself involves the individual in a type of curious fascination, hypnotizing him back into old methods of behavior, whereupon he forgets the reason for delving into his past and makes his reliving it the actual purpose of his existence rather than the means to the end he originally desired. The South Node can be quicksand; safe enough to look back into as long as no physical steps are taken in that direction. One